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FOLNG SENT NEW DELHI INFO BOMBAY DACCA AND MADRAS FROM CALCUTTA
DTD 27 FEB.

QUOTE: CALCUTTA 0505

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NAXALITE JAIL BREAK

1. APPARENTLY BREAKING CENSORSHIP, CPM GANASHAKTI FEBRUARY
26 CARRIES FRONTPAGE NEWS REPORT THAT FOUR PERSONS WERE
KILLED IN INCIDENT AT PRESIDENCY JAIL ON FEBRUARY 24 AND
FORTY-FIVE PRISONERS ESCAPED. PAPER SAYS FIVE ESCAPEES HAVE
BEEN APPREHENDED. GANASHAKTI STORY ALSO CONFIRMS THAT
CLASH TOOK PLACE AT CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY'S PRESIDENCY
COLLEGE AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 24 "BETWEEN WARRING FACTIONS OF
THE CHHATRA PARISHAD."

2. OUR LOCALS SAY THEY NOW HAVE WORD FROM RELIABLE SOURCES
THAT IN ADDITION TO PRESIDENCY JAIL BREAK, NAXALITE PRISONERS
ALSO BROKE OUT OF DUM DUM AND BAHARAMPUR JAILS AFTERNOON
FEBRUARY 24. STORY IS THAT TOTAL NUMBER OF ESCAPEES IS 75,
OF WHICH 40 FROM PRESIDENCY AND THE REST FROM DUM DUM AND
BAHARAMPUR.

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3. WITH MRS. GANDHI SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN CALCUTTA IN

ONLY THREE DAYS, SENIOR WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT AND POLICE OFFICIALS ARE REPORTEDLY WORKING ROUND THE CLOCK. WEST BENGAL POLICE IG RANJIT GUPTA SHOWED UP AT CONSULAR CORPS DINNER DANCE FEBRUARY 25 AND DANCED THE EVENING AWAY AS THOUGH NOTHING HAD HAPPENED BUT GUPTA HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE AND WE UNDERSTAND ACTING CALCUTTA POLICE COMMISSIONER KITSON SPENT ALL OF LAST NIGHT IN CONFERENCE WITH CHIEF MINISTER RAY AND CHIEF SECRETARY B.R. GUPTA.

4. OUR LOCALS REPORT RUMOR IS GOING AROUND THAT LEFTIST FORMER YOUTH CONGRESS PRESIDENT (WHO WAS OUSTED BY SANJAY GANDHI LATE LAST YEAR) P.R. DAS MUNSHI MAY HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE NAXALITE JAIL BREAK, THIS DOES NOT SOUND PLAUSIBLE TO US BUT IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT DAS MUNSHI'S OPPONENTS IN THE CONSERVATIVE/MODERATE CONGRESS ESTABLISHMENT ARE TRYING TO TURN THE JAIL BREAK TO PROFIT BY IMPLICATING HIM. DAS MUNSHI HAS BEEN ACTIVELY DISPUTING CONTROL OF WEST BENGAL YOUTH CONGRESS FROM ITS CURRENT CONSERVATIVE/MODERATE LEADERSHIP, AND THERE ARE MANY WHO WOULD NO DOUBT WELCOME A PRETEXT TO REMOVE HIM FROM THE LOCAL POLITICAL SCENE.

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